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Customer No.

22032

Attorney Docket No. 7528.0003-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Todd J. MORTIER et al.

Application No.: 09/981,790

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM

TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE

AND METHOD

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Examiner: D. Willse

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Pursuant to the interview conducted with the Examiner on April 24, 2003, and in reply to the Supplemental Office Action dated February 28, 2003, and the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, please amend the application as follows. The Supplemental Office Action reset the response due date to May 28, 2003.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the priority data which was inserted before line 2 of page 1 of the original specification, as follows:

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¹ The Supplemental Office Action of February 28, 2003 and the Office Action of February 5, 2003 will be referred to collectively in the remainder of this Amendment as "the Office Actions."